

AN INVENTORY OF REPTILES OF GUNUNG MULU NATIONAL PARK, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA (BORNEO)

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ABSTRACT

We present an inventory of the reptile fauna of Gunung Mulu National Park, Sarawak, East Malaysia (Borneo), based on new collections and observations, and those existing in the literature and specimens in museums. A total of 91 species of reptiles (including one crocodile, five turtles, 41 lizards and 44 snakes) are recorded, significantly increasing the known contents of the reptile fauna of the Park. This list is, however, considered preliminary, and additional effort is expected to reveal the existence of more species, especially those recorded from adjacent areas of Sarawak in similar habitats.

Key Words: Gunung Mulu National Park, reptiles, crocodiles, turtles, lizards, snakes, biodiversity, Sarawak, Malaysia.

INTRODUCTION

Gunung Mulu National Park (headquarters at 04.02.30.3N; 114.48.46.1E; 49 m asl; datum WGS84), with over 80 species of anuran amphibians (Malkmus, 2002; Das unpubl.), has the greatest amphibian diversity in the Old World, matching species rich sites in the Neotropics, such as Santa Cecilia in Ecuador (Donnelly, 1994). A large number of the amphibian species of Mulu are, in fact, endemic to these mountain massifs (see Dring, 1983a; 1983b; 1987; Inger *et al.*, 1995). Although the reptile fauna is expected to mirror these results, relatively little is known of this component of the